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Response to Office Action with 1.131 Declaration

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2005. This response is being timely filed in view of the accompanying petition for a three month extension of time which extends the deadline for responding to December 2, 2005. Please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 50-0423. Accompanying this Response is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 by Dr. John Herr, an inventor of this application, with appended evidentiary documents submitted to demonstrate that the present invention cannot be anticipated by the art cited against it. A copy of Dr. Herr's curriculum vitae is also included with the Declaration. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.